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1. A new airfield is under construction near the village of Hel, on the Baltic coast. Concrete runways and underground hangars are being built. Hangars on the level of the field are dug into the high sand dunes there. Another new airfield with concrete runways is under construction near Pruszwow in the Gdansk (Danzig) region.
2. Production of Soviet-designed torpedo boats has begun at the Gdynia shipyard. The first Soviet-made 1,000 HP diesel engines to be installed in these boats have arrived from the USSR in sealed cases and are stored at the shipyard. They have been strictly guarded day and night; the name of the factory whence they came and all other technical data are still secret.
3. All the 800 TDW ships built at Gdansk are for the Soviet Union. A few years ago when this ship was in the designing stage, 640 HP diesel engines of the Lang type were ordered from Hungary. Early in 1952 the first engine arrived and was installed but did not work. Experts examined it, stated that it was incorrectly assembled of new and used parts in stock since World War II, and shipped the engine back to Hungary; since then no others have been supplied from that source. German MAG diesel engines of about 700 HP [redacted] have been installed in the 820 TDW ships, but more than 18 months are required for delivery, so Poland has been seeking similar engines [redacted]
4. At a cost of about \$1,000 each, to be paid in Polish coal, seven 8,000 HP [redacted] engines have been purchased by Poland for M.S. 10,000 TDW ships to be built at Gdansk shipyard. Four engines have been delivered and are stored at the shipyard. The other three are [redacted] ready for delivery but probably they will be sent to the Soviet Union.
5. In August 1953 a Polish crew was sent from Gdynia to [redacted] take over the Polish ship M.S. GDANSK, 4,000 TDW of the LEWANT type, equipped and completed there. A second ship of the same type, SZCZECIN, is still at [redacted] shipyard.

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The hulls were built and launched at the Gdansk shipyard more than a year ago, then were towed [REDACTED] (with two dismantled diesel engines of the Sulzer type aboard) for equipment and completion. The GDANSK sailed for Gdynia but once at sea, the captain received orders to change her course for Riga. There the ship was taken over by the Russians, her name was changed to KRASNOYARSK and the Polish crew was returned to Gdynia [REDACTED]

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6. At the frontier town of Terespol large gasoline and oil dumps have been made in recent months. Supplies have been shipped by rail from the USSR and unloaded in an area heavily guarded by military units.

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